

REMARKS

In response to the outstanding new Restriction Requirement mailed October 31, 2008, Applicants elect Group II, claims 16-27 without traverse. Applicants understand that the previous election based on the Restriction Requirement mailed June 12, 2008 is now moot. Applicants further elect the following species for examination: Under Group B, Applicants elect the species "up to 500 rpm" for examination. Under Group C, Applicants elect "an intercalating dye" for examination.

Claim 16 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the claim amendments may be found at, for example, page 6, lines 12-17 of the specification.

Applicants acknowledge reference to U.S. Patent No. 7,141,416 to Krutzik et al. and reserve comment on this reference if and when a *prima facie* argument of unpatentability is presented with respect to this reference.


Claims 16-27 are currently pending.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached. Should any fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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